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FROM PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

DEAR EDITOR:—We enter your sanctum with uncovered head, and wish you God speed in your new field of labor. Our first communication to the EVANGELIST under the new regima will be a brief synopsis of our trip to the Pennsylvania State Convention, held in Green Co., Oct. 11th to 14th inclusive. We left our home October 10th; at Johnstown our old veteran Eld Stephen Hildebrand, took a seat with us, and together we journeyed to Pittsburg. In the evening we attended communion services, in the little Chapel where we once ministered. Here were Elds. Knepper, Wampler, Hildebrand, Koontz, Bole, Smouse, and your correspondent. Bro. Knepper officiated, and the services were highly enjoyable. At 9:30 the following morning, we rallied at the B. & O. depot, with about eighteen or twenty Pittsburgers, and through hills and vales, reached Wheeling at 12:45; here we took in the city for space of about two hours when we resumed our journey for Cameron, W. Va. which we reached about 4:30. Here were conveyances to transport us to place of meeting, a distance of seven miles. The inafatigable "Jakey" Murry, the pastor seemed to be chief marshal, and the way he manipulated things, covered himself all over with glory. When all were comfortably seated in their respective vehicles the command was given—"go forward," and we went. Have you ever been in Green Co., Bro. Editor? Talk about the hill country of Judea! No comparison to the hill country of Green Co. Our pleasure was to be seated in the conveyance to transport of Bro. James Weimer—with Koontz and Hildebrand—three heavy weights and as we descended those hills, we concluded that Jehu would have been nowhere, and that he could not drive a bit. We left Blair Co., in the mud, reached Green County in the dust. All landed safely however about 6:30 and after refreshing the inner man we repaired to the church and at 7:30 the eight annual convention of Pennsylvania opened. The crowd was immense. The

orchestra from Pittsburg, and the choir of Bridgeport consolidated, and music began, Bro. Murry as master of ceremonies and leader, turned on the steam, and I suppose thought he was driving down the hills of Green Co., resulting in a little break or two in time, but after a little practice, it went like clock-work, and was simply grand. With Sister Nettie Reynolds, and "Bud" Wise as organist, assisted by Bro. James Shearer, leading cornet, his little daughter Stella, alto cornet, Bro. D. K. Bole, flute, Masters Earl and Leroy Bole violin and triangle, Newt. Bole, clarinet; with an excellent support of voices, the convention was splendidly entertained. After the organization, Bro. Knepper entertained us with an excellent sermon which closed the first session.

Friday was spent in practical work along the Sunday school line.—On Friday evening, after the business of the session, Bro. Koontz preached an interesting sermon to a packed house. Saturday morning the ministerial convention began its work, and closed in the evening with a paper by your correspondent, followed by a number of impromptu one minute speeches, all interesting and impressive. Thus closed one of the best conventions we ever attended. The representation was not so general, owing to the location, but the spirit of the convention was par excellence, not a lag; all worked and all were happy. Eld. Knepper presided over the Sunday school convention, and did it well, too.

On Sunday morning your servant talked to a large concourse of people. Bro. D. J. Bole preached at "Quiet Dell," Sunday evening closed the meeting with a communion, numbering about one hundred. And now to the good people of Green Co., You did nobly. Your hospitality was unbounded, your executive committee were practical men and thoroughly understood their business. And as Moderator of the ministerial convention, in its behalf we say—Thanks for the hospitality shown us, and may God grant you a hundred fold. Amen.

Elds. Wampler and Hildebrand, were indisposed for a day—too much Green Co.; chicken.

The social man from Pittsburg was Bro. Herbert Wilcox.

Our young brethren from Johnstown, Chas. Crowford and Charles Replogle, did good work in the Convention, also Bro. Shelaon Smouse of Altoona. Thats right come to the front young men.

Bro. M. C. Myers of Mt. Pleasant makes an excellent convention secretary.

A number of familiar faces were absent, among them our old secretary, now Editor.

Eld. Henry Wise is a mover among men,

as was demonstrated in handling the immense crowd during communion.

On Monday afternoon we were brought to Cameron, when we said good by to our good brethren and hied away homeward. All happy over our week spent in convention. God bless our work.

Faternally,

W. L. SPANOGLE.

Roaring Spring, Pa.

Whereas, it was our privilege to represent the first Brethren church of Pittsburgh in a State Sunnay School convention held at Bridgeport, Greene County, in the Bridgeport Brethren meeting house, we want to add this much: no set of delegates or church ministers could have been more royally entertained than we were. The good brothers and sisters, heads of households, seemed to vie with each other in making us welcome and in welcoming us to their hearts and homes. We wish to add further (and we do not wish to have this come to the ears of the elders) we cannot believe if we had all been elders these would have been any greater slaughter of chickens and Greene County chickens are good!

The provision made for transporting us from Cameron to the place of meeting was an ovation paid us. The scenery through which we passed was nature's grand conservatory, painted by the finger of God. The hills and vales were superlatively beautiful and said plainly to every child of God: These hills and vales so beautifully formed, the foliage that was such a delight to look upon, painted in all the colors of the rainbow, are the works of the Christ you serve. Be it therefore resolved we with truly grateful hearts, thank the brethren and sisters for their warm welcome they gave us, and as it is more blessed to give than to receive, we trust the membership of the Bridgeport Brethren church will never want for the good things of this or of the life to come.

Delegates, { DR. KENNEDY.
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INDIANA.

Indiana will hold its next conference at Milford.

The Conference reports forty-three organized churches in the state.

Forty-four lay delegates represented the churches of Indiana at their late conference. This, with the number of ministers, made a splendid working force.

The Conference of Indiana contributes \$6.00 to send the EVANGELIST to state prisons and Deaf and Dumb Institutions. That is Christianity of the practical kind. For such purposes the EVANGELIST is supplied at \$1.00 per year.